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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Here you will find the grand prize sermon, in our recent contest for sermons on vital public issues. Evangelist Robert L. Sumner won the grand prize of \$250 with the sermon published in this issue.

Next week we plan to have a tremendous sermon by Dr. Robert J. Wells on "False Prophets—Real or Imaginary," a burning sermon on modernism, which is scriptural, documented, compelling! Following will come a sermon by Dr. V. Raymond Edman on communism, "The Big Lie!" and others of the series. Don't miss a one of them! We believe it is the greatest series of sermons on such problems to be published in this generation.

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In the Depths of the Sea

He hath cast in the depth of the fathomless sea,
All my sins and transgressions, tho' many they be,
Both the great and the small, the first and the last:
In the depths of the ocean I know they are cast,
I shall meet them no more for they never shall rise,
For who shall condemn whom God justifies?
So I sing of His mercy so wondrous and free,
He hath cast all my sins in the depths of the sea.

From Evangelical Christian

Grand Prize Winner in \$1,600 "Sermons on Vital Public Issues" Contest

The TWENTIETH CENTURY ISSUE

Facing Twentieth Century Christians!

by Evangelist Robert L. Sumner



"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."—II Cor. 6:14-7:1.

Why Preach on Separation?

A few years ago, in the middle forties, there lived a beautiful, talented, seventeen-year-old high school girl in a small eastern community. She was raised in a good Christian home and attended an evangelical Baptist church noted for its fundamental position in defense of "the faith." At an early age she professed faith in Christ and became an active leader among the young people in work for our Lord. Her testimony was strong and useful; Christ seemed to radiate from her life. Plans were made to enter Bob Jones University upon graduation from the local high school.

Then something happened! Her love for Christ cooled; her joy fled; her testimony died; her influence became negative instead of positive. One morning her par-

ents went into her room and found a note saying she had run off with a twenty-four-year-old Roman Catholic tavern keeper. Two or three days later she returned home and announced she was expecting a baby.

Gone was her devotion to Christ! Gone was her interest in spiritual things! Gone was her allegiance to the Word of Almighty God! Gone were her morals and her virtue! Satan had scored a knockout blow; Christ had been defeated in the battle for her life!

I know personally that this story is true. With all my heart I believe the cause can be traced to the modern tendency, even among evangelicals, to preach only a so-called "positive" gospel. How we need a brand new generation of John the Baptist type preachers who will courageously lay the axe to the root of the trees, calling sin by its right name and demanding repentance with fruit.

In Adelaide, Australia, a leading church officer stormed indignantly into his pastor's study to demand that the minister stop preaching so plainly about sin. It was his contention that the young people of the church would be tempted to try for themselves the evils described if they heard so much about it. He suggested that the minister simply refer to various sins as "mistakes," and let it go at that. The wise pastor, Dr. Howard, quickly stepped to a closet shelf and took down a bottle of strychnine, marked "POISON."

Returning to his co-laborer he observed, "I see what you mean. You want me to change the label. Suppose I take off this 'POISON' label and put one on reading, 'ESSENCE OF PEPPERMINT.' Don't you see, the milder you make the label, the more deadly you make the poison!"

Sin is sin! Sin is punishable by an eternal death in an everlasting Hell! It is the most deadly poison on human markets this hour, even more deadly than the poisonous gas now being made by our government in Denver. Certainly

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By Grace Rice MacMullen

My husband and I both enjoy music, and one of our greatest joys is to sit in our living room, work on some current project and listen to records. We have some good symphonies, some operatic records, and some light classics. But the ones we play over and over are usually Christian records.

What a wonderful idea the 33 1/2 rpm record player was! Allan and I frequently repeat that sentiment when we have had a whole hour of music with only 3 trips to the record player. (And someday when we have an automatic changer, it could be a whole evening of music with no changes!) It's so nice for

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Mr. and Mrs. Allan MacMullen

The Church And Its Doctrine

By Rev. Len. G. Broughton, D.D.
Late pastor, Baptist Tabernacle, Atlanta, Georgia
and Southern Baptist Leader.

"That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing...."—Eph. 5:27.

The apostle here represents Christ as giving Himself to sanctify and cleanse the church.

Paul here enjoys the great privilege of a vision of a church to win men for Christ. It is striking that this vision came to him while in prison. Certainly there was nothing in his environment to lead him to such optimism.

A more miserable dungeon one never saw. Sometimes God has had to put His best children in the dirtiest dungeon to get from them their best. John Bunyan would never have stamped himself upon the Christianity of the world had

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Dr. Len. G. Broughton

Honest Questions Answered

By the Editor

Mr. Lonnie Martin, of Wichita, Kansas, writes the following honest and sensible inquiring letter:

"Dear Dr. Rice:

"For several years I have been a subscriber to THE SWORD OF THE LORD and I believe it to be the best of its kind. I read and save each paper, and the help it is to me cannot be told.

"I would like very much to have a more definite part in the work but I feel that I must know more than I presently understand. I trust you will not take my questions to be offensive, for I treasure the blessings that are mine through your work.

"Is the property of the Sword in your name?

"What would become of the Sword if the Lord took you?

"Is there any assurance that the work would not fall into the hands of the liberals? By this I mean more than verbal promises.

"What power does the co-operating board have and what part does it play?"

Editor Answers

"Dear Brother Martin:

"I am glad you read THE SWORD OF THE LORD and I am glad to answer your questions. I have been overwhelmed now since I got your letter the last of November, but I am glad to answer the questions.

"No, the property of the Sword of the Lord is not in my name. As of January 1, 1947, we organized a nonprofit corporation and secured a charter from the State of Illinois. Mrs. Rice and I signed a Quit Claim Deed to all the property, and the two buildings, the desks, typewriters, adding machines, the many thousands of dollars worth of books in stock, etc. belong to the Sword of the Lord Foundation.

"Second, you asked, 'What would become of the Sword if the Lord took you?'

"The Sword of the Lord would continue. It would be run by a board of directors. There are five original members, which include Mrs. Rice and me, my brother Bill Rice, Miss Viola Walden, and Miss Fairy Shappard. These members every year elect a board of directors. The board of directors now include the five members mentioned above, also Dr. D. A. McCall, Mr. Wm. MacLeod, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Handford, Mr. and Mrs. Allan MacMullen. These directors carry on the work for the Lord, just like a group of trustees carry on the work of a school. I am president of the board, and these people love me and follow my leading, but if I were gone, they would elect another president and go right on with the work.

"Third, you asked, 'Is there any assurance that the work would

not fall into the hands of the liberals if I should die?'

"Yes, we have good assurance of that. That is a strong statement of faith which every director is required to sign every year before he can vote on anything in running the affairs of the Sword of the Lord. This statement of faith is the strongest one I have ever seen. And every one who becomes a director signs a solemn agreement that he will help enforce this, that he will resign if he ever comes to where he does not agree with it, that he will help to put anybody else out who does not agree with this solemn statement of faith. This is the best assurance that I know of.

"You understand that if the Sword of the Lord Foundation should make any profit, it would be utterly impossible for me, or for my heirs to ever get any profit from the Sword, or to regain control of the property. That is settled by law and settled so securely that we have been recognized as a nonprofit corporation by the Federal Government and the State Government.

"You asked, 'What power does the co-operating board have and what part does it play?'

"The co-operating board of the Sword of the Lord is simply a group of noble and well-known men who co-operate with the Sword of the Lord. They are sponsors, or friends who endorse the work, and recommend it to the public. They do not have control of it. But we tell them of all of our plans, we ask them for advice, we send them copies of the new books which we publish. We recommend these noble men and their Christian enterprises to the public. They in turn stand as sponsors and endorsers of the work. They help people to know that the work can be trusted.

"I am glad to have your letter and I hope that this will answer the questions that you ask.

"I might say further that not only have I given up all ownership in the property of the Sword of the Lord, but I do not take any salary from the Sword whatever. My work as editor is given free. I am supported by the freewill offerings I get in revivals and other speaking engagements, and gifts that come directly to me. Thus far God has wonderfully cared for me, and I hope it will never be necessary for me to take a salary from the Sword, though it would be perfectly legitimate for me to do so.

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Attention! MUSIC LOVERS!

This, our Annual Music Issue, is dedicated to you music lovers; and the following features are included for your special benefit and blessing:

1. "Spirit-Filled Gospel Music," by Dr. Rice
2. "Seven Men Went Singing Into Heaven"
3. "Grace Notes," by Mrs. Grace Rice MacMullen, with reviews of Gospel recordings
4. List of music publishers, Christian record companies and instruments manufacturers
5. Advertising on musical things



Which Way, Presbyterians?

By the Editor

Serious minded, spiritual and informed fundamental Christian leaders are naturally concerned about the trend in the Presbyterian Church, USA.

The same Presbyterian denomination which has broken the hearts of thousands by including modernists in its mission program, which has taken modernists on to the faculty at Princeton Seminary, is now taking a definite stand that Presbyterian preachers cannot teach in fundamentally sound Bible institutes and seminaries.

It will be remembered that when godly Presbyterian men founded the Independent Board for Foreign

"In the Saviour's name, yours,"
(signed) John R. Rice

The Statement of Faith and Agreement Signed Annually by Directors of The Sword of the Lord Foundation

I am sure the Sword of the Lord readers will be interested in our Statement of Faith and the efforts we have made to keep this work true to the Lord. The following statement is signed every year at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. Not only do new directors sign this statement, but all the directors must sign it anew every year.

SWORD OF THE LORD FOUNDATION STATEMENT OF FAITH

I BELIEVE:

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Scriptures and their absolute reliability and authority, without error, in the original manuscripts.
2. In the virgin birth, atoning death, bodily resurrection, and deity of Jesus Christ.
3. That man is a fallen creature, sinful by nature and choice, can only become a child of God by regeneration by a supernatural work of the Holy Spirit.
4. That salvation is by penitent faith in Christ as our substitute, on the merits of His atoning death and shed blood.
5. In Christ's premillennial second coming.
6. In the eternal blessedness for the saved, and in the eternal punishment in Hell for the lost.
7. In the need for a personal endowment of power, by the Holy Spirit who already lives in the body of each Christian.
8. In the duty of each Christian to live a holy life, to make soul winning the main end of all Christian work; that God's Great Commission never changes, as the principal obligation of churches and Christians, and that this includes mass evangelism as well as personal soul winning and soul winning through other means and agencies.

Agreement With Above Statement of Faith and Principles

"I solemnly affirm that I sincerely believe the above statement of faith from my heart, without mental reservation or evasion, and I promise, God being my helper, that as long as I am associated with the Sword of the

Missions, the distinguished Dr. Machen, Dr. Carl McIntire, and others were first threatened and then expelled from the church, because they insisted on supporting this Independent Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board.

Now the hard hand of denominational bosses is falling on teachers in Christian schools.

Dr. J. Vernon McGee, Dr. Paul M. Aijian and Dr. Dean Nauman of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles have been forbidden to teach at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles because they are members of the Los Angeles Presbytery. The order was recently issued by the Los Angeles Presbytery and all three men have left the school. (McGee and Aijian were instructors; Nauman was Dean.)

A similar order was issued to

Presbyterians at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena last year. The case is being appealed by the men involved at Fuller and will not be settled until next May.

Here is an exact quote from the Los Angeles Presbytery as to the reason for the action against the Bible Institute of Los Angeles:

"If one asks himself the all-important question, 'What would happen to the peace, purity and unity of the Presbyterian Church, USA, and to the greater part of her program as administered through her Boards and Agencies, if graduates of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Inc., and Talbot Theological Seminary ever came to occupy the majority of the pulpits and pastorates in Los Angeles Presbytery?' the answer is crystal clear: the spirit, doctrinal position and program of the church would be quite different from what they are today. In the light of our judgment, the educational standards, the doctrinal statements, the administrative procedures, and in some instances the ethical implications involved, all seem to constitute a 'will to hamper' the teaching, fellowship and service of the Presbyterian Church, USA."

Note in this issue an advertisement of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, for the magazine, *The King's Business*. We hope readers will get a copy of this magazine and read about the outrageous demands of the Presbyterian Church upon its ministers.

And in case these ministers had not resigned from the faculty of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, would they, too, have been slandered, as Dr. Carl McIntire has been by Presbyterian leaders, as "a defrocked clergyman"? And will Presbyterian professors in Fuller Theological Seminary be forced to resign, or to be turned out of the Presbyterian denomination and slandered?

We hope that God will give good Bible-believing Presbyterians grace to stand fast and not to be bossed by modernistic leaders in these matters.

— THE END —

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Lord Foundation in any capacity I will faithfully try to live by the moral and spiritual standards for which the Foundation stands, and to support these standards before all. I promise, on my sacred honor, that if ever I find myself in disagreement with the above statement of faith and principles, I will immediately offer my resignation from membership, directorship, or any position under the Sword of the Lord Foundation.

"For Christ's sake I will endeavor to safeguard the welfare of this Christian organization and the work to which it is dedicated by helping to enforce this agreement on the part of all directors and members, by every Christian means."

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Spirit-Filled Gospel Music

By Editor John R. Rice

"...but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."—Eph. 5:18, 19.

Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., once said in my hearing, "Everything beautiful really belongs to God. The only beautiful music the Devil has, he stole." The essentials of music are of divine origin as clearly as the essentials of chemistry and physics. The seven notes of the scale, with the first one repeated to make the octave, are a perfect thing which man did not create but which he discovered, just as man did not invent the law of gravity or the multiplication table.

Music Goes With Holy Spirit Anointing

Then the nearer man comes to God, the sweeter should be his music. And the Scripture tells us that to be filled with the Spirit

puts music in the heart and part of the proper expression of the fullness of the Spirit is for one to speak to himself "in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5:19). Every Christian who is filled with the Spirit has music in the soul. Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs are the natural result of every great spiritual revival.

Once three kings, Jehoshaphat of Judah, with the kings of Israel and of Edom, went to the prophet, Elisha, to enquire of the Lord through him. Elisha said, "Now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him" (II Kings 3:15). He commanded the king to make the valley full of ditches and promised that God would fill them with water for the thirsting armies; and it came to pass. Elisha found the will of God better when he heard sweet music. Music has an affinity for the Spirit-filled heart.

When King Saul was anointed king and met a company of prophets playing with psaltery and tabret and pipe and harp, the Spirit of the Lord came upon him (I Sam. 10:5-10). Later when King Saul was troubled with the evil spirit and downcast, the boy David was brought before him to play beautifully upon the harp and the evil spirit departed and Saul was well (I Sam. 16:14-23). Oh, what power there is in Spirit-filled music to bless the heart and bring people to noble decisions and to faith and joy!

You see, the fullness of the Spirit goes with glad gospel songs. The right kind of singing tends toward the attitude of heart in which the Spirit of God can come upon His people in power. And the fullness of the Spirit encourages always the best in sweet music.

Spiritual Music Helps in Holy Decisions

Years ago I preached in a revival campaign in a town forty miles southwest of Fort Worth, Texas. B. B. McKinney, now music editor of Southern Baptist S. S. Board, blessed and anointed song writer, led the singing for the services. He and I were guests in the same home. But in the midst of the revival, when great crowds attended and many were being saved, I was stricken with tonsillitis. My fever mounted high, my throat was sore, it seemed impossible to preach. I prayed much and was able to preach that night, but the next day my fever rose high again and my inflamed throat made it seem impossible for me to go on with the revival services. Brother McKinney and the pastor and I prayed together. Then I said to my beloved brother:

"Brother Mac, if you will sing for me I'll trust the Lord and I believe He will give me faith to get well. Sing Paul Rader's chorus, 'Only Believe.'"

McKinney sang it sweetly, and with the blessing of God upon it. "Sing it again!" I said. Again he sang.

"Only believe, only believe; All things are possible, only believe; Only believe, only believe; All things are possible, only believe."

My heart reached out in faith for God. I said to Brother Mac, "Sing it again, please!" And he sang it again.

Over and over in our room together that good man of God sang the chorus and I prayed. After some long time the blessed Spirit of God gave me assurance that our prayer was heard. And sure

enough, before the day was gone my fever was gone also. I went to the pulpit, preached with ease and with great power that night and many were saved, and thank God I was not hindered more during that campaign by my tonsillitis.

This is only an illustration that God's Holy Spirit has an affinity for sweet music and that we ought to use His holy means of grace and means of blessing to stir hearts, to help people to trust in Christ, to help Christians to lay all on the altar.

It is this divinely-given principle that leads us to have an invitation song when we urge sinners to step out and claim Christ as Saviour. How many millions of people have found Christ as they sang some of these blessed invitations like

"I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;

In the arms of my dear Saviour,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms."

Or

"Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,

And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come!"

Others have come to Christ as they sang "Almost Persuaded," or "I Am Resolved No Longer to Linger," or "If You Are Tired of the Load of Your Sin, Let Jesus Come Into Your Heart." Singing in the Spirit, with the moving of the Spirit of God upon hearts, helps in an invitation.

How careful we ought to be that the singing in all of our services pleases God. The idea of hiring worldly and even unconverted people to sing God's praises in the public services is abhorrent to the spiritual mind. Special music is good, provided the singers are filled with the Holy Spirit. In the public song service there ought to be a constant stress on the fact that one cannot properly sing praises to Christ who does not love Him with all the heart, and who does not have the Spirit of God singing in the heart. It is as much a work of the Holy Spirit to help people sing as it is to help the preacher preach or to help the personal soul winner deal with a sinner.

Many times in a night of prayer I have found it wise to start a little song or a chorus which has a pleading note of prayer. Sometimes people can pray all the better when the words of the prayer have music. Whether it is "Out of My Bondage, Sorrow and Night, Jesus I Come, Jesus I Come," or "Have Thine Own Way, Lord, Have Thine Own Way" or "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," or the chorus, "Spirit of the Living God, Fall Fresh on Me," we ought to let the blessed Holy Spirit use music in all of our churches to bring people to decision, to bring people to faith, to bring people to surrender—both the saints of God who need some forward step in the Christian life, some victory, some help, and the lost sinner who needs to come to Christ for salvation.

Great Gospel Music Comes From Great Revivals

It is a striking thing that nearly all the great gospel music was written in times of great revival. Think of the Charles Wesley and Isaac Watt hymns which we connect with the Wesleyan revivals. Think of the music of Ira D. Sankey, P. P. Bliss, and others collected in the books used in the great Moody revivals and still much used in England and Canada. Remember the Torrey-Alexander revivals and the great music that came out of those revivals collected now principally in the Tabernacle Hymns, No's 1 to 4 and other books put out by Tabernacle Publishing Company. Remember the Charles H. Gabriel and B. D. Ackley songs and all the others collected by Rodeheaver and Hall-Mack, which grew out of the Billy Sunday campaigns.

It is time again for us to pray that God will anoint song writers. It is time for great soul-winning preachers to give their attention to the writing of poems for gospel songs. These are the beginning days of a great revival. There is great need for Spirit-filled song

7 Men Went Singing Into Heaven

"One of the strangest experiences in my life is connected with war," says Nordenberg, an eminent engineer in Finland.

"I offered my services to the Government and was appointed an officer in General Mannerheim's army. It was a terrible time. We besieged the town. It had been taken by the Red Army and we re-took it. A number of Red prisoners were under my guard. Seven of them were to be shot at dawn on Monday. I shall never forget the preceding Sunday. The seven doomed men were kept in the basement of the town hall. In the passage my men stood at attention with their rifles.

"The atmosphere was filled with hatred. My soldiers were drunk with victory and taunted their prisoners, who swore as much as they could and beat the walls with their bleeding fists. Others called for their wives and children who were far away. At dawn they were all to die.

"We had the victory, that was true enough; but the value of this seemed to diminish as the night advanced. I began to wonder whether there did not rest a curse on arms whichever side used them.

"Then something happened: one of the men doomed to death began to sing! 'He is mad!' was everybody's first thought. But I had noticed this man, Koskinen, had not raved and cursed like the others. Quietly he had sat on his bench, a picture of utter despair. Nobody said anything to him—each was carrying his burden in his own way and Koskinen sang, rather waveringly at first, then his voice grew stronger and filled out, and became natural and free. All the prisoners turned and looked at the singer who now seemed to be in his element.

*Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast,
There by His love o'ershadowed,
Sweetly my soul shall rest.
Hark, 'tis the voice of angels,
Born in a song to me
Over the fields of glory,
Over the jasper sea.*

"Over and over again Koskinen sang that verse and when he finished everyone was quiet for a few minutes until a wild-looking individual broke out with 'Where did you get that, you fool? Are you trying to make us religious?'

"Koskinen looked at his comrades and his eyes filled with tears. Then he asked quietly: 'Comrades, will you listen to me for a minute? You asked me where I got this song; it was from The Salvation Army. I heard it there three weeks ago. At first I also laughed at this song but it got me. It is cowardly to hide your beliefs: the God my mother believed in has now become my God also. I cannot tell you how it happened, but I know that it has happened. I lay awake last night and suddenly I felt that I had to find the Saviour and to hide

leaders, men as dedicated, as unselfish, as full of faith and zeal for souls as the evangelists. May God lay His hand on many a young man who reads this and lead him out into the field of gospel music, Spirit-filled singing in the power of God!

In times of declension and when there are no great revivals, some people write songs and choruses; but they are not great revival songs. They are devotional songs with praise for Jesus, but they do not demand decision. Songs like "The Great Judgment Morning," "Ye Must Be Born Again," "I Surrender All," and "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow," come from Spirit-filled song writers with the revival burden, the soul-winning passion. We need songs that stir people to win souls, songs that call people to consecration, songs that plead with sinners to turn from sin and warn sinners of the dangers of delay and of judgment. When we have that kind of revival preaching in the mighty power of God, we will surely have that kind of songs written and sung. And as such songs are sung by Spirit-filled people, the revival will spread.

in Him. Then I prayed—like the thief on the cross—that Christ would forgive me and cleanse my sinful soul, and make me ready to stand before Him whom I should meet soon.

"It was a strange night," continued Koskinen. "There were times when everything seemed to shine around me. Verses from the Bible and from the Song Book came to my mind. They brought a message of the crucified Saviour and the blood that cleanses from sin and of the Home He has prepared for us. I thanked Him, accepted it, and since then this verse has been sounding inside me. It was God's answer to my prayer. I could no longer keep it to myself! Within a few hours I shall be with the Lord, saved by His grace."

"Koskinen's face shone as by an inward light. His comrades sat there quietly. He himself stood there transfixed. My soldiers were listening to what this Red revolutionary had to say.

"You are right, Koskinen," said one of his comrades at last. "If only I knew that there is mercy for me, too! But these hands of mine have shed blood and I have reviled God and trampled on all that is holy. Now I realize that there is a Hell and that it is the proper place for me."

"He sank to the ground with despair depicted on his face. 'Pray for me, Koskinen,' he groaned, 'tomorrow I shall die and my soul will be in the hands of the Devil!'

"And there these two Red soldiers went down on their knees and prayed for each other. It was no long prayer, but it opened Heaven for both, and we who listened to it forgot our hatred. It melted in the light from Heaven, for here two men who were soon to die sought reconciliation with God. A door leading into the invisible stood ajar and we were entranced by the sight.

"Let me tell you shortly that by the time it was four o'clock all Koskinen's comrades had followed his example and began to pray. The change in the atmosphere was indescribable. Some of them sat on the floor, others talked of spiritual things.

"The night had almost gone and day was dawning. No one had had a moment's sleep. 'Sing the song once more for us, Koskinen,' said one of them. And you should have heard them sing! Not only that song but verses and choruses long forgotten came forth from their memories as buds in the sunshine. The soldiers on guard united their voices with them.

"The town clock struck six. How I wished I could have begged for grace for these men, but I knew that this was impossible.

"Between two rows of soldiers they marched out to execution. One of them asked to be allowed once more to sing Koskinen's song. Permission was granted. Then they asked to die with uncovered faces—and with hands raised to Heaven they sang with might and main:

*Safe in the arms of Jesus,
Safe on His gentle breast.*

When the last lines had died out the lieutenant gave the word 'Fire!' and the seven Red soldiers had fought their last fight. We inclined our heads in silent prayer.

"What had happened in the hearts of the others I do not know; but so far as I was concerned I was a new man from that hour. I had met Christ in one of His lowliest and youngest disciples and I had seen enough to realize that I too, could be His. 'The Lord looketh from Heaven; He beareth all the sons of men' (Psalms 33:13).

Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were to die, yet shall he live" (John 11:25, R.V.).

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By the Editor

"Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven."—Matt. 18:19.

It is a wonderful truth that two people or hundreds of people may really unite in prayer, by heart agreement, and so join together to wonderfully move the heart of God and to get what they ask. So we must understand the plain statement of Jesus. Even if two people shall agree on earth, not only agree to pray, but be agreed in heart "as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." And how much more if hundreds of people really united in heart, united in what they desire, and ask honestly to please the Lord, led by the same Spirit, what wonderful blessings are possible!

Now it happens that this poor editor has agreed in prayer with literally hundreds of readers. You have told us your burdens. We have had fervent prayer in the Sword of the Lord offices for your needs. We have joined you in prayer for unsaved loved ones, for revival campaigns, for the healing of the sick, for the solving of home problems. We carry before God in prayer every day the names of about fifty evangelists and soul winners.

We have agreed with many hundreds and thousands of you in prayer and, though separated by many miles, we have joined you at the feet of the Saviour, pleading for His blessing. Now will you join with the editor and our workers in Wheaton in pleading with God for certain matters?

1. Books That Should Be Printed Right Away

We have manuscripts in hand for a number of fine books that ought to be printed right away. One is by Dr. Oswald J. Smith of Toronto. Two are by Dr. Lee

Roberson, of Highland Park Baptist Church and Tennessee Temple Schools, Chattanooga. One is by Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. One is a reprint of a great book by Dr. Arthur I. Brown, *Miracles of Science*. One is a commentary on Matthew which will reach 600 or 800 pages, we suppose, written by this editor, with much labor.

We feel that all of these books ought to go to press as soon as possible. Most of the manuscripts are already edited and ready to go to the printer. However, it will take many, many thousands of dollars for the typesetting and printing and binding of these books. We are just coming through the summer slump. The money is not at hand. We have paid off some loans of capital; perhaps we ought to borrow more capital to finance the publication of these books. We will pay 4 per cent per annum (payable semiannually) on loans, and we give a note signed by the president and treasurer of the Sword of the Lord Foundation, sealed with the corporation seal, payable in from one to five years, as you choose. Those who would like to lend money where it will be used in the financing of the soul-winning work of the Sword of the Lord, and receive 4 per cent interest, may write this editor.

Some of these days, God willing, we hope to have gifts and bequests from God's people, enough to give operating capital. Meantime, we operate on what little we have, plus some borrowed capital. Friends will pray with us, no doubt, about this matter.

The books mentioned ought to be published right away. Please go to God in earnest prayer with us about it.

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2. Pray for the Sale of Sword Books Through Bookstores and Agents

Everywhere we find heart-moving evidence of the way God is blessing books published by the Sword of the Lord. Our hearts overflow with gratitude to hear in countless instances how souls have been saved, homes have been changed, lives have been consecrated, preachers have been called out and put in soul-winning work, by the Sword of the Lord literature. In God's mercy He has seen fit to bless our books and pamphlets beyond comparison with the results of other Christian literature of this generation, as far as we know. "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" has been printed in millions of copies in some twenty languages. Literally thousands and thousands have claimed Christ as Saviour through it. *Prayer—Asking and Receiving* is a best seller with 160,000 copies printed. *Bible Facts About Heaven* has reached a quarter of a million copies in circulation, and many hundreds of souls have been saved, besides the tens of thousands bereaved and troubled people comforted. *The Home: Courtship, Marriage, and Children* has a wide and growing sale and influence. Our books on the movies, the lodges, tobacco, and such matters have influenced multitudes of people to a separated life for Christ. Many thousands have been stirred to soul winning by the little book, *The Soul-Winner's Fire*. And the blessed books by Blanchard, by Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., Dr. Joe Henry Hankins, Evangelist John Linton, Dr. W. B. Riley, Rev. T. J. McCrossan, Evangelist Bill Rice, Dr. Lee Roberson, and others, have proved a constant blessing.

These books, to reach the multitudes, must be sold in bookstores and sold by agents. We cannot sell them one at a time, by mail, and make expenses. The advertising space is too expensive, the details of boxing, addressing, stamping, and mailing cost too much. Will readers pray that God will send us somebody, some experienced and trained man in wholesale sales, who will have a burden to get out the Gospel in this manner, and will be loyal to the principles by which the Sword of the Lord lives and works, and will come and help us? Will you pray that God will open the hearts of book dealers everywhere to handle these books which usually have such a ready acceptance?

This editor is harassed by so many burdens that it is impossible to give personal attention to this phase of the work. May God send us the helpers and greatly enlarge the sale of books and pamphlets.

3. The Sword Book Club Is Doing Tremendous Good; Needs Prayer

We are glad to have Rev. Charles A. Himes as Assistant director of the Sword Book Club. The work is going steadily, and is doing tremendous good. We will get out over 25,000 copies of the best Christian books in this year, D.V., through the Sword Book Club. However, we have lost money on the Sword Book Club every year but one. This is caused by carelessness of members in paying bills on time, extra office expenses in collection, books returned in violation of the contract members enter into, and other causes. We are setting out to do two things. First, we plan to drop all the members of the Sword Book Club who do not pay promptly and who do not abide by the rules they agreed to in joining the Book Club. We do not plan to lose money by giving all the extra advantages and savings of the Book Club to people who do not co-operate. And second, we hope to greatly enlarge the ministry of the Book Club, reaching thousands of other preachers and lay Christians.

Will you join us in earnest prayer that the Sword Book Club may be wisely handled, that it may pay expenses, that it may increase in usefulness?

4. Above All, Pray for the Mighty Power of God on THE SWORD OF THE LORD in Its Editorial Content

If a pastor of 500 people, or a pastor of 5,000 people needs the prayers of the people, how much

more does the editor who must prepare spiritual food for over 100,000 homes each week need your prayers! Pray that God will give boldness, that God will give clear leading, that God will give the power of the Holy Spirit to win souls and change lives.

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God Works In The Rural Areas, Too

By Evangelist T. W. Wilson

My eyes have just been opened to a new and real opportunity in America. It seemed the Lord almost had to push me into it. I must confess I did not want to go at all.

Here's how it happened: A small committee in Springboro, Pennsylvania, wrote to me about coming to their rural area. I was about to write them that I could not come, when it seemed as though the Lord spoke to me. . . Finally, I could have no peace until I wrote that I would come.

Rev. W. L. Marsteller, Pastor of the United Church in Springboro, got his people to praying and working. They enlarged their committee. . . 22 churches got in. They rented a tent seating 2,000 people.

In the meantime, I wrote to Herb Hoover of Greenville, South Carolina. I knew that Herb had led some of the greatest choirs in America and was a great singer and song leader. He said that he would come with me. . .

When we arrived at the tent on Sunday afternoon, I could hardly believe what I saw. It seemed the worst place in Pennsylvania to place a tent—3 miles north of Springboro (population about 600) and 4 miles south of Albion (population about 1,000). . . But, from the very first service we could feel the presence of God and the convicting power of the Holy Spirit.

During these 15 wonderful days we saw over 400 souls confess Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. Then, in addition to those first-time decisions, there were about 100 who rededicated their lives to Christ. Also, we saw in one single service over 3,500 people present. The county fair has been about the most popular thing that ever came to that section; yet we had twice the attendance at our meetings. Among those coming to Christ were several Catholics, one Jew, one Spiritualist, one Agnostic, and several drunkards. Some of the toughest and roughest people came along with several leaders of society to make their stand for Christ.

Rev. Lester H. Norton, pastor of First Baptist Church, Linesville, Pennsylvania, wrote: "Dear Brother Wilson: Thank you for providing this Northwestern Pennsylvania rural area an evangelistic meeting that was good from every angle. It was sane, as to emotion; sound, as to doctrine; efficient, as to the financial demands; effective, as to results; and lasting, as to the follow-up program."

Rev. Howard A. Platt, pastor Hammond's Corners Christian Church, Pierpont, Ohio, said: "Evangelist T. W. Wilson and song leader Herb Hoover have proved to the world that out in the country, away from any large city the people are hungry for the Gospel. How we thank God for the hundreds that have found Christ in the last two weeks."

Rev. W. L. Marsteller, pastor United Church, Springboro, Pennsylvania, said: "The United Crusade for Christ has been the greatest evidence of the working of the Holy Spirit that I have ever witnessed. We rejoice that this

united effort has reached over sixty churches. Our community stands amazed at what God has done. My personal life has been blessed and enriched. This could be the beginning of a new type of evangelism in America."

These are just a few of the many testimonials from the ministers in the area about their personal feelings. Words fail to express what really happened.

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I call your attention to two important things: First: This couple probably would have been exactly like the other students if they had not come to Bob Jones University. If they had gone to the other school, even though they had been converted, they would probably have been in a confused state and would not have known the answers. Second: Bob Jones University has the answers. Our students have gone almost to the ends of the earth, and the overwhelming majority of them have stood all the tests they have had to meet. So it does matter where young folks go to school. Bob Jones University's standards in all the fields of its emphasis are as high as

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By Rev. Walter E. Handford, Vice-President
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Grace Notes

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These days there are so many wonderful Christian records, it's no hardship to play them instead of your favorite operatic arias or the teen-ager's "pop" collection! Seriously, the best solution to that "pop" problem, if you have it, may be in buying some of these really beautiful sacred records. These days there are so many with a new twist, with elaborate and beautiful arrangements—it would be hard not to listen to them.

Really, come to think of it, why shouldn't every Christian home really feature good sacred recordings? A good record player can be bought these days for under \$30.00, and hours of listening on records for a few dollars. There are many times when it means a lot to be able to put on the turntable a record I know will bring a spiritual uplift.

One unexpected blessing I've found from having Christian records on the turntable: Bobbie and Janie, 5 and 3 years old, live next door to us. When they come to visit, they want to hear phonograph records. We play what is on the machine, usually. Now when she asks for music, Bobbie says, "Is that a song about Jesus?" When I assure her it is, she says, "Let's listen to it!" How can that potential influence on the heart of a child be measured?

So, this month I want to tell you about some records we've enjoyed listening to, and Allan and I think you'll want to hear them, too.

Some New Word Records

The first album is produced by Word Records. On it, Frank Boggs sings: *In the Garden*, *Golden Bells*, *The Love of God*, and *He's Got The Whole World in His Hand*, on one side, and on the other: *Amazing Grace*, *My Saviour's Love*, *No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus*, and *Blessed Redeemer*.

In a full, resonant voice, reminiscent of Beverly Shea's deep bass, Frank Boggs sings a group of old favorites on a new 33 1/3 rpm disc of 8 old songs. When an artist uses such old hymns as *Amazing Grace* and *In the Garden*, I know he's singing to bless and not just to make an impression. There's not much you can do to show off a voice in them, but they seem to have "built-in blessing" when prayerfully sung from the heart. *Blessed Redeemer* is a beloved song in our family. For years it has been one of my dad's favorite duets and he often sings it with Miss Fairy Shappard. I'm glad it was chosen for this recording. Frank Boggs' arrangements are simple and sincere, yet the rich orchestral backing on half of the numbers makes them something outstanding in Christian records. (The other side has organ accompaniment.)

Frank Boggs is a young Texan. His ministry of music has already stretched from coast to coast, with a period of notable service in England in 1953. This album will help you understand his popularity.

My own favorite is *He's Got the Whole World in His Hand*, telling how God holds the sinner man—the tiny baby—you and me—the whole world in the hollow of His hand. I don't know where I've been, because surely this isn't a new song, but it's a new thrill to me and I think you'll love it too.

A second album produced by Word Records is entitled, "Herbert Hoover in Calvary Favorites."

Since we knew Herbert Hoover at Bob Jones University, we particularly enjoy this one.

Gospel singer Herbert Hoover was conducting operas with Metropolitan stars in the lead roles long before he was thirty years old. At Bob Jones University, where he got his training, there is plenty of opportunity for varied experience, and Herbie was versatile. He sang some lead roles in opera himself, taught voice, sang on the radio, and his sparkling personality spiced the daily chapel program where he led the singing.

Now Herb is in evangelistic work and I know that audiences all over the country are thrilling to these solos, recorded by Word Records on a 33 1/3 rpm disc called "Calvary Favorites." You'll like his voice and you'll "sit up and take notice" at the different little twists Herb uses to take each one out of the ordinary—a high note here, a change of key there, and in it all, a serious, prayerful spirit. I imagine the lively *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho*, and *I'm on the Battlefield for My Lord* will be favorites here. It's hard to pick, though, from such songs as these: *Precious Lord*, *Take My Hand*, *Down From His Glory*, *For All My Sin*, *But This I Know*, *It Took a Miracle*, *Sweet Lil' Jesus Boy*, and *I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked*. The quartet backing on the last one makes it something special.

Word Records has another Long Playing record I'll only mention. On this one (W-2010 LP), an orchestra plays special arrangements of nine hymns—those voted most popular and most sung. It's a lovely record.

Old Favorites—Sunshine Hour Records

Those are new records. Now to some old favorites of ours. They're on a Sunshine Hour label, made by the staff of the Morning Chapel Hour, led by Wilbur Nelson. On one (RP 27) Wilbur Nelson and Kay Steward sing, *I've Discovered the Way of Gladness* and Mr. Nelson and trio sing, *In Love with the Lover of My Soul*. On RP 26, the trio sings *Only for Jesus*—a beautiful number, backed with *Roll Jordan Roll*. About this one, I can only say, you must hear it. It will give your heart a real lift—and your foot will tap, too.

New Super Recordings

Now I must tell you about a group of Super Recordings, by The Joint Heirs. I had never heard of the singing group before I heard this group of recordings, but when I heard them, believe me, I kept listening! I got to hear these before the records were ready, on a tape recording. The first time I heard it, one song stood out—and stayed with me. It's *Over the Sunset Mountain*, and I guess Walt Handford and I listened to it 20 times in three weeks! We always roped in anybody else we could get to listen, too! It's a vocal solo by Gerry Schaub, soprano, accompanied by a small instrumental group—a "combo," the world would call it. The voice is clear and sweet, the use of an "echo box" gives a very touching effect on the chorus. The melody is by John Peterson (who also gave us *It Took a Miracle*) and, with words like this what more could you ask?

*Over the sunset mountain
Someday I'll softly go
Into the arms of Jesus,
He who has loved me so.*

Toiling will end forever,

*Tears will be wiped away.
Sorrow will be forgotten,
Oh, what a wonderful day!*
Chorus

*Over the sunset mountain
Heaven awaits for me.
Over the sunset mountain
Jesus my Saviour I'll see.*

The other records in this series by The Joint Heirs have a Western flavor. They are:

Lord Keep Your Hand On Me (other side of *Over the Sunset Mountain*.)

*The Gentle Carpenter
Now I Belong To Jesus
Altogether Lovely*, and *'Til You Know Jesus Gethsemane
He Bought My Soul At Calvary
My Testimony—Jesus Alone*

I understand The Joint Heirs were a professional group, successful in the world, before they were brought to Christ. Now they are popular for special music in churches. They use accordion, marimba, guitar and organ as a background for their solos, duets, and trios.

An album of 78 rpm records that will surprise you with its professional quality or arrangement and presentation is "The Music of Don De Vos," another Super Recording. Don, personable song leader and soloist, has been greatly used in services in many countries. Here he sings solos with a chorus for background in the popular *Just a Closer Walk With Thee*, *The Loveliness of Christ*, and *It's in My Heart*. The fourth is one especially composed by Evangelist Jack Shuler for the occasion, *The Man With the Nail in His Hand*. Gil Mead directs the ensemble, and John Peterson accompanies with his guitar. It's worth hearing just to be surprised at this additional talent of Jack Shuler, a greatly used evangelist.

Singtime Specials

Those of us fortunate enough to live in the Chicago area hear Dick Anthony and Bill Pierce frequently on radio station WMBI. A 78 rpm recording by Singtime is the kind we like and, if you can't hear these two beautiful voices over the radio, we recommend that you get acquainted with them by getting the records. *In the Garden* and *Over the Sunset Mountain* feature these two smooth male voices, blended with a splendid instrumental background.

On another Singtime 78 rpm, Lorraine Morrison with a rich contralto voice sings Merrit Dunlop's *Wonderful, Marvelous, But True* to a unique piano accompaniment by Tedd Smith, with Lowden's *My Friend* on the reverse.

International Sacred

Some new records from International Sacred have been a joy to listen to. There is one with Albert Hay Malotte at the piano, who wrote the famous setting of *The Lord's Prayer*. The International Choraleers sing two other compositions of Malotte on this record—*The Beatitudes*, and, *The Twenty-Third Psalm*. The words are directly from the Scripture, and the music is lovely and very expressive of those words. Then, on another, Kenny Baker, who is well-known as a radio artist, sings *Beyond the Sunset* and, *No Night There*.

Two records for those with special tastes: The Rangers Quartet sings, *I Have a Desire* and *My Lord And I* on a new International Sacred disc. This one is in lively rhythmic, Southern quartet style. They feature a very low bass, a very high tenor, and the kind of piano accompaniment you expect with this type of quartet. On another disc, Millie Lou Pace sings *Listen to the Warnings of Your Conscience*, in a Patti Page duet-style record, and on the reverse side Bob Summers plays *Stand Up for Jesus* on his guitar. I can only say after listening to this Summers' rendition, and I didn't know what guitars could do! The record is fun—you'll play it for that, rather than for inspiration or blessing. It uses the multiple recording technique, and there are three of four types of guitar playing going on simultaneously.

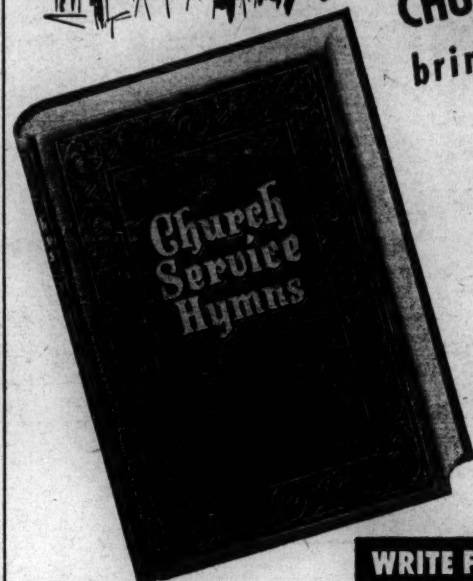
Lovers of Western music will already know Tim Spencer. He was an original member of The Sons of the Pioneers, and for many years has collaborated with his brother Glenn and Bob Nolan in

turning out cowboy songs. They are responsible for *Cool Water*, *Red River Valley*, *Room Full of Roses*, *Tumbling Tumbleweeds*,

and hundreds of others. One new record by International Sacred features Tim Spencer singing (Continued on page 7)



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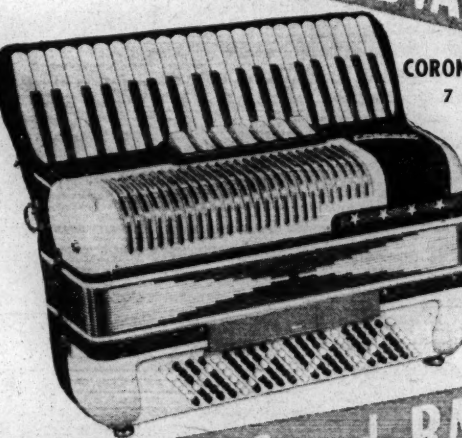
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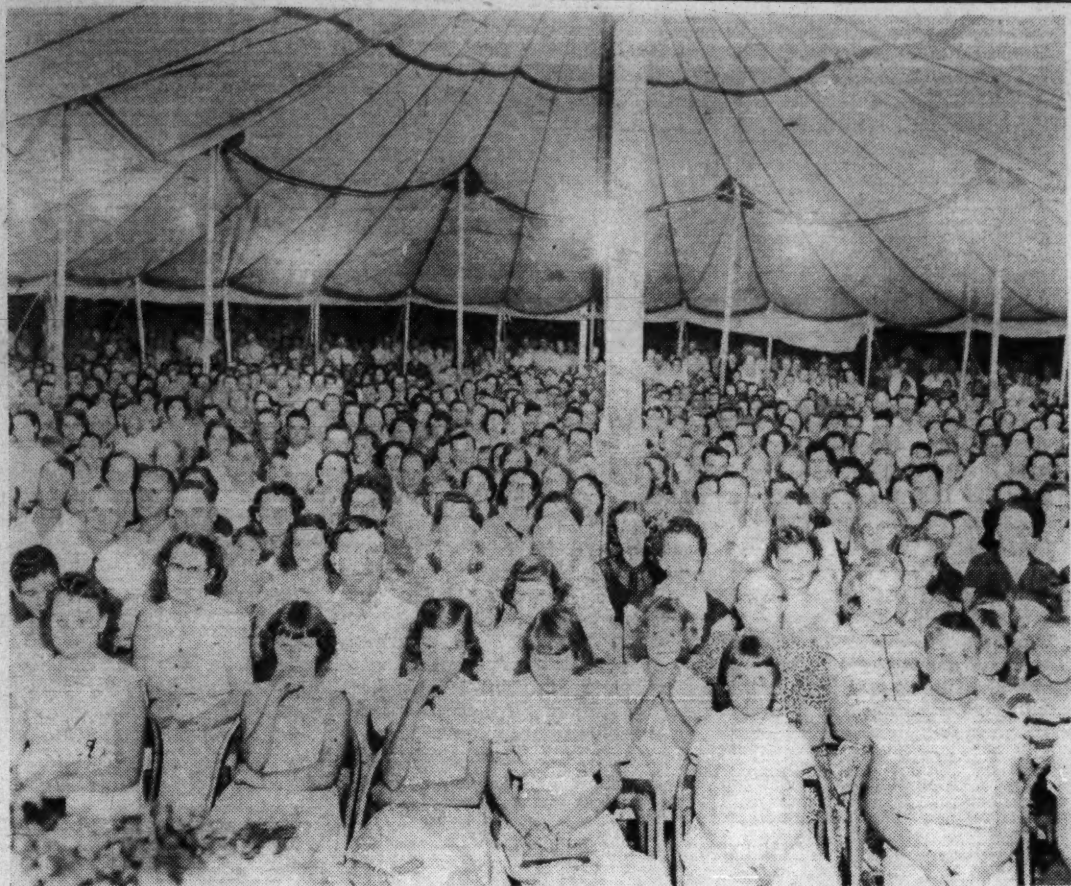
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Three Thousand Hear Vince Cervera

Evangelist Vincent Cervera of Greenville, South Carolina, preached to 3,000 people at the concluding service of the Barnwell Baptist Association Crusade at Hilda, South Carolina.

The *Augusta (Georgia) Herald* and The *Columbia (South Carolina) State* ran feature articles with pictures about the outstanding meetings.

Cervera spoke to an average of 1,600 persons nightly throughout the entire campaign. One hundred five salvation decisions were recorded. A keynote in the series was the fact

that 175 young people presented themselves for full-time Christian service, as the Lord directed.

The crusade was the first of its kind to be conducted in the entire area, and because of the outstanding success of the campaign, the pastors of the 38 co-operating churches have decided to make the meeting an annual affair. Nearly every church received additions the last Sunday of the campaign.

Evangelist Cervera was assisted by Rev. and Mrs. John Kooistra who handled the music of the meeting. Crusade chairman was the Rev. F. S. Johnson.

Grace Notes

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Christ Is a Wonderful Saviour,—sacred words which he wrote to the tune of *Room Full of Roses*. The words are good, too, and Spencer sings them as if he meant them. On the reverse side, Tim and Loretta Spencer sing *What Would I Do Without Jesus*, accompanied by the Spencer family. It's another typical Christian Western. My dad has been telling me about a record of Tim Spencer's song, *It's Your Life*, but I haven't yet heard it. He says it's really fine. We'll look forward to hearing it.

Sacred Recordings

Sacred Recordings have some excellent new discs, too. The Palermo Brothers have had a wide ministry with Youth for Christ International, and their recordings have been very, very popular. During the past six years they have made five trips abroad, and are loved in many countries, particularly Italy. They play accordion and guitar and sing, both

solos and duets, most effectively. One of their best sellers is a 78 rpm of *Is He Satisfied With Me?* and *I've Got So Many Million Years That I Can't Count Them*. On this last one, they are backed by a choral group. My favorite is *If You Know the Lord*, with *The Old Gospel Ship* on the reverse. And another good one is *And Can It Be*—a wonderful, very old, hymn—with *Lord, Keep Your Hand on Me*. You'll like these.

Another Sacred record features the Janz Quartet. They combine a deeply spiritual rendition, beautiful harmonization, and a combination of lovely voices. The two songs: *Deeper And Deeper* and *Have I Grieved Thy Holy Spirit*. These are fine examples of music with a message feelingly recorded. You may wish, as we did, that the melody were more dominant on the last one, but you can't fail to find blessing in the prayerful singing.

Alan McGill sings *When We All Get to Heaven* with a verve and joy that will really communicate itself to you, on another In-

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wide crusade sponsored by the Baptist churches of the Salem-Troy (Ala.) Association. For two weeks services were conducted in a large gospel tent, which was full night after night and several times hundreds stood outside, according to the report. There were many decisions made. Souls came to Christ in every service. The general chairman of the campaign, Rev. H. C. Yohn, commends the evangelistic team very highly. Derryl Homberg led the singing.

Scores of service men and women stationed in Japan yielded their lives to Christ as a result of the series of evangelistic rallies conducted by Japan Youth for Christ personnel featuring Donn Moomaw, the All-American football star from the University of California at Los Angeles, Dale Cryderman, Japan YFC director, has reported.

The kick-off rally was held at the Ernie Pyle theater in downtown Tokyo, the best-known meeting place for G. I.'s in the Far East.

EVANGELIST DEL FEHSENFELD of 4521 Jarboe, Kansas City, Missouri, was recently with Bethany Baptist Church near Lamar, Missouri, pastored by Rev. William E. Burnett. This meeting resulted in 7 first-time conversions 5 for baptism, and many rededications.

The **LLOYD BARDOWELL** evangelistic team of Greenville, South Carolina, Sword staff evangelist, conducted two union campaigns in June and July.

Fifteen churches in Statesville, North Carolina, sponsored the Greater Statesville Evangelistic Campaign. Good crowds gathered nightly in the MacGray High School Auditorium. Many decisions resulted in this first city-wide effort in twenty years, and plans are being made for a similar campaign next year.

Two Baptist associations sponsored the Hermann, Missouri, "Christ for the Crisis" Crusade directed by the Bardowell team. As a direct result of the crusade, the groundwork for a Southern Baptist church was laid, and a Sunday School organized. A number of outstanding citizens of the community were saved.

Bill Hinder, extraordinary accordionist, directed the music for both campaigns.

Sword of the Lord **EVANGELIST J. OSCAR WELLS** conducted two revival campaigns in the land of Dixie recently. The first was with the First Baptist Church of Dora, Alabama, Rev. James B. Lawson, pastor. During the meeting there were 25 additions to the church, 14 rededications, and 4 who began family altars. This is an old church, and this was thought to be the best revival campaign in the church's long history. There was an increase of more than 100 in the Sunday School attendance, and the pastor baptized more converts at the close of the campaign than he had in the entire previous year. The pastor, church, and evangelist are praising God for the victory.

June 27 to July 4 Evangelist Wells was with the Bethel Baptist Church of Leaksville, North Carolina. Rev. Odell Hall is the pastor of this church. There were 38 conversions and additions to the church as a result of this campaign, with 10 additional rededications and 5 families to begin family altars. The church has invited Evangelist Wells to return if possible, and in the event he cannot return, the pastor and church want another Sword evangelist. We thank God for the work of these good men on our Staff.

If you would like to secure the services of Dr. Wells, you may write to him or to Evangelist Bill Rice, 214 West Wesley, Wheaton, Illinois.

WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

GREAT CROWDS HEAR EVANGELIST EDDIE MARTIN IN TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

Near 11,000 persons, the largest crowd ever to attend a religious service in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, heard Evangelist Eddie Martin preach the third Sunday night of a recent three-week revival effort in that city. The crowds grew night after night, necessitating the move to the University of Alabama football stadium for a service the second Sunday night, and the closing service. Week-night crowds averaged 3,500. Concerning the 11,000 people gathered the third Sunday night, Evangelist Martin writes: "These are honest figures, counted accurately by the sections in the stands, each seat being numbered."

The decision cards were carefully recorded and screened. Here were the results, given by the evangelist: 260 first-time salvation decisions; 142 came for assurance of salvation, and 54 classified themselves as backsliders. Others surrendered to full-time service, to family altars, tithing, Bible reading, etc.

The entire city of Tuscaloosa felt the impact of this revival. The *Tuscaloosa News* carried pictorial news daily telling of every phase of the meeting.

The evangelist writes: "... we took a census of the crowd of 11,000 people. The next day a tabulation revealed that 9,000 cards were filled in. These cards uncovered hundreds of live prospects for the co-operating churches and will result in hundreds of additions in the days ahead. The census also revealed that over 500 members of the First Methodist Church were present at that single meeting. Amazing, considering that the meeting was under the sponsorship of Baptist churches. . ."

These crowds are as sensational as anything we have read about in our generation—one out of every three white people in a city attending one meeting is sensation-

al. God richly bless our beloved brother. How we praise God for this blessed report. (See picture).

The **JIMMIE JOHNSON** evangelistic team just closed a five-week campaign in Fayetteville, North Carolina. The meeting was held in a tent 120x200 feet, located on the school athletic field. The tent frequently overflowed. The team also ministered to large groups in factories, schools, civic clubs, hospitals, police and fire departments, the city court-room, and various city churches. The evangelist writes: "Although the Baptist churches took the lead in sponsoring the series, yet about fifty per cent of the decision cards

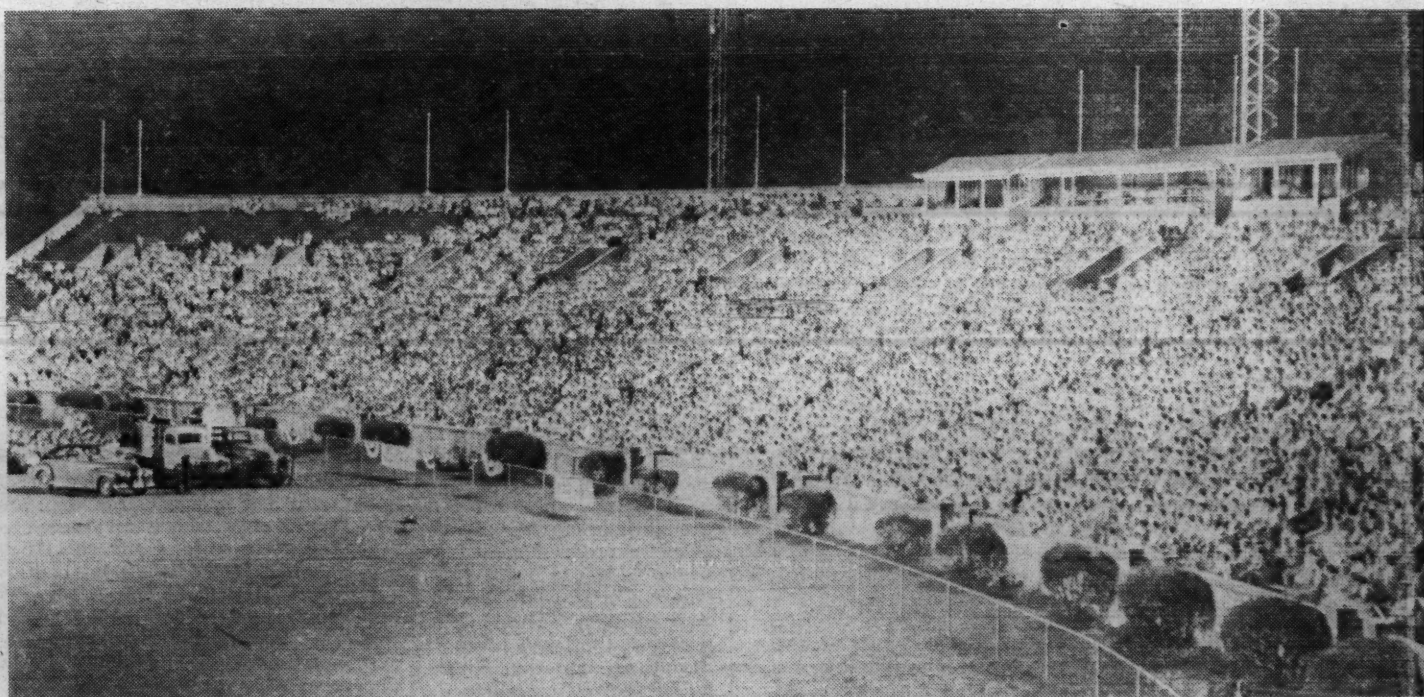
indicated a denominational preference other than Baptist." We are sorry, but the report does not give how many were first-time decisions for salvation.

By request of the judge of the city's court, Jimmie Johnson appeared at a crowded morning session in the courtroom. Between cases the judge announced that the evangelist would speak. For fifteen minutes he presented Christ to these gathered from all walks of life.

Petitions were circulated and hundreds signed asking that the meeting run a week longer. During the fifth week, many more decisions were recorded.

The party consisted of Evangelist Jimmie Johnson of Fuquay Springs, North Carolina; Clyde Taylor of Wheaton, Illinois, soloist and songleader, and Rev. and Mrs. Merrill Dunlop of Oak Park, Illinois, organist and pianist. Bill Schultz of St. Joseph, Michigan, was accordion soloist the second week.

The **MAX MORRIS** evangelistic team has just concluded a county-



RECORD-BREAKING CONGREGATION—Shown above is a view of University of Alabama football stadium (Denny Stadium) and the crowd, estimated at well over 10,000, gathered to hear Evangelist Eddie Martin at Tuscaloosa,

Alabama. Officials of the Baptist Churches in the county, who sponsored a three-week long evangelistic meeting, said the congregation was the largest in the history of the county for such a service.

The Church and Its Doctrine

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it not been for old Bedford Gaol. The best in most of us is kept back because of the alley which needs to be burnt out. God's crucible is something very hot; but if we could only see as He sees, how much easier it would be for us to submit to His refining!

In this vision of Paul's it is well for us to understand that he had reference to no local body or band of believers. It is not my church or denomination, nor is it yours. It is the Holy Catholic Church, the Church Universal, the called-out-ones. Pity the man who would attempt to expound this

Scripture, and goes no further than the bounds of his own local church or denomination! I do not criticize the local church, nor do I reflect upon the denominational idea—both are essential; but in this connection let us be true to the Scriptures. Paul is speaking of the Bride of Christ. Every honest believer in Christ is a part of this Bride, and is brother to us all. But while the Holy Catholic Church is in the mind of the apostle, it is also true that the local church is included in the teaching set forth.

It must also be remembered

that this vision which he had is ideal. Some hold that it is for the millennium; that the cleansing and sanctifying process is here, while the Bride is presented to Him at His Second Coming. However this may be, we know that the ideal is the pattern for the present-day church; that Heaven is concerned in the perfecting of the church militant; that Jesus, its Head, deserves a glorious body.

It is only through the glorious church that the promises of divine help are to be realized. "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you," is the way to blessing (John 15:7).

It is also the only church that commands the respect of the world. The reason Christianity today is making such slow progress is because the church is so indifferent in its life and conduct. The pulpit is equally hampered when it is supported by a church that fellowships with the world. I believe that the lack of power in many a pulpit is because of the church background.

With this much said by way of introduction, we come at once to some thoughts concerning the church and its doctrine.

I make no apology for speaking on doctrine. I know that it is looked upon as a dry, unnecessary subject. It need not be so. Doctrine is essential to a healthy life. It is just as essential as the framework of a building or the skeleton of a body. Too much skeleton is not good, nor is too much flesh. What we want is proper proportions—a healthy skeleton and a healthy flesh. So with our religion; we must have doctrine—healthy doctrine. I am tired of hearing preachers abuse it. It certainly shows ignorance.

Of course you will not expect me to consider all the shades of church doctrine; that would take us through the whole Bible. Nor am I to deal with such as mark the distinctions in the general body of the evangelical Christians. I leave those for consideration at other times and in other ways.

What we shall aim at here is the presentation of certain truths that are fundamental and essential, which must be emphasized, especially at this time.

There are THREE ESSENTIAL TRUTHS which need especial emphasis in a soul-winning church: The Integrity of the Scriptures, The Deity of Christ, and Salvation by the Cross.

I know these are old, but I think that we shall see before we are done that this is the more reason why they should be pressed at this time.

1. The Integrity of the Scriptures

No one with his eyes open can fail to see that there is today much war upon the old Book, as we have it. I am sorry to say that this war is most aggressively carried on in our institutions of learning; many of them operating under a Christian name and supported by Christian money. I have watched the trend of the day with reference to this matter with painful interest. I have watched young men in the ministry who have come out of such institutions. I have observed their progress in the work. I have in mind now such a case. I was present at his examination for the ministry. He stated frankly that he did not believe in the inspiration of the Book as a whole. He was finally ordained. His ministry has been a failure. He would have made far better progress in any line of business. I have studied carefully the biographies of the great spiritual men of the past. *The men who have moved this world Godward have been men who held fast to the old Book, believed it, preached it, and tried to live by it.*

Christ Himself did not waver concerning the old Scriptures. Every mooted section of the Old Testament Jesus quoted, or in some way used in His short ministry. He never was heard to doubt the authenticity of any of it. He even quoted "Jonah and the whale" (Matt. 12:39, 40). Surely where Christ went we may venture to follow! The church or the preacher that does not accept the Scriptures as the whole truth might as well exchange the Bible for any work of philosophy—aye, for a patent medicine almanac, so far as the salvation of this world is concerned!

"But," says one, "I cannot believe; what am I to do?" Quit the pulpit! The failure to sound the certain note is spreading death among the churches and sending souls to perdition. Mere philosophizing about salvation will never reach the desired end. Give us the old Book, the Book of our fathers, the Book we believe, the Book we stand on.

2. The Deity of Christ

The church to win souls must stand squarely and uncompromisingly for the deity of Christ. Never mind if some men say: "He was a good man; perhaps a prophet." The Jews will go that far. Never mind the man who says: "He is divine, as all men are divine." The church of which Paul speaks is a church that will not have part with any such teaching. *Christ is more than good; He is more than divine; He is God and man, or He has no part in the Christian system.* I know this is a strong utterance, but we need positive statement.

His divine lordship! If this be not true, He, of all men, is most false. Hear His bold "I am!" There is nothing like it in the history of the world.

"I am from above."

"I am not of this world."

"I am the bread of life."

"I am the light of the world."

"I am the door."

"I am the good shepherd."

"I am the way."

"I am the truth."

"I am the resurrection and the life."

"Before Abraham was, I AM." Did Jesus tell the truth, or was He playing the part of a deceiver? If He told the truth, then there is no ground for controversy.

3. Salvation by the Atoning Blood of Christ

Again, the church to win souls will have but one plank in its platform of salvation—the cross of Jesus Christ. There are two methods of salvation held up today: one is the merely ethical; the other, by way of the blood-stained cross. There can be no fellowship between the two. A man is not saved by any sort of ethical process. He may keep every commandment in the Decalogue and more, and still be lost. Christ died on the cross to save men. His salvation is the work of an instant. The Christian life is a process but salvation itself is instantaneous, when the will of man surrenders to the Christ.

One may be a critic. There may be no other purpose in view; but the moment he, feeling himself a sinner before God, looks by faith to the cross of Christ, and accepts Him who died upon it as Lord and Master, he is saved.

What a great salvation is this! No wonder the apostle cried: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" (Heb. 2:3). There is no other system under the sun so wonderful. No philosophy worked out by the genius of man can present such hope as this to a lost and ruined world.

Let the preacher who would win souls preach these truths. Whatever else he may hold, let him not waver on these three essential lines of teaching. No apology will be tolerated. The moment one shows signs of wavering about the deity of Christ, the infallibility of Scripture, or salvation by grace, *his power to win souls is gone.*

Sinners themselves have no respect for faithless teaching. They are as quick to detect weakness in the doctrine of the preacher as he is himself. They like to hear a Gospel that rings with conviction. It may cut their hearts, but they know it is true.

A man in New York recently said to me: "The thing that impresses me most is your utter lack of doubt about your position. I cannot accept it as you put it, but your sincere conviction makes me tremble." I accepted it as a gracious compliment. I had rather have had it said of me than anything else. Above all things, let the preacher and the church not waver in the essential truths of our Christian religion. If there are any doubts, let them be kept in the background until they are settled. And I candidly believe that the doubter should take a long vacation from all preaching until these things are settled in his mind.

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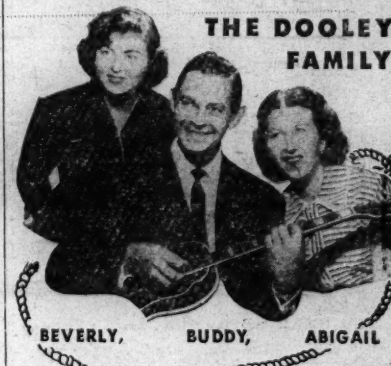
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Well, it's been fun listening for you—and for myself, too. I hope you'll find some records here you want. If you can't get them near you, write me for a special list I have prepared of recommended records, price numbers, and where to get them.

I think Christian record companies are doing a fine job. There

are new records every month, and many young singers are getting an audience. Certainly there's a tremendous range of variety in both types of music available and in the performers' styles. If there's any complaint to make, I'd say there are too many recordings of the same songs. Maybe I'm not typical, but I'd only want one or two versions of *The Old Rugged Cross* and there must be a disc of that wonderful old song by every company that has ever produced records! But it's a good thing that there is such a variety of performers. And it's a good thing there are variations in our tastes, too. If everybody liked what I like, a lot of good Western music that really blesses hearts might never be heard. And if it were limited to what some of my good friends like, it would all be rhythmic quartet music and some of the great sacred choral music would never have a hearing! Fortunately, the music publishers consider everybody. It's like a wonderful long table spread with a Swedish Smorgasbord—you choose what you like and leave what you don't like as well, because nobody has room for everything. And what you leave is always somebody else's favorite!

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every preacher divinely called as Heaven's ambassador to earth should spend his time and talent warning men, women and young people of its dangerous, damning consequences. Isaiah 58:1 voices the testimony of God to His servants: "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins." Dare any trumpeter, commissioned by the ascended Christ, be silent?

Our text commands the "dearly beloved" of God to separate themselves, being cautious and careful to touch no "unclean thing." Immediately the originator of Eden's "Yea, hath God said?" question to Eve causes the blood-bought believer to doubtfully raise objections. One queries, "Do you mean to say that God expects me to separate myself *entirely* and *completely* from this age of fun, frolic and fast living?" By that they mean they would like to go to Heaven, but they do not want to give up the professed delights of the world.

Another foolishly wonders, "How can I have a good time if I follow the 'old-fashioned' view of separation?" But those who speak thus simply do not know what a *good time* really is! And as for Bible separation being 'old-fashioned,' it is not nearly as much so as compromise. The original pair, Adam and Eve, compromised!

Others question, "What's wrong with modern amusements? Has God really DEFINITELY forbidden them?" This is merely Satan's old, "Yea, hath God said?" question dressed in a different form. The issue of God's sovereignty is the same.

Still others insist, "Many large, famous, influential, modern churches and pastors put their approval on worldly amusements, places and people. *Why doesn't ours?* Why does our church condemn dancing when the church down the street has dances for their young people in the church basement?" It is sadly true that some churches and some clergymen do endorse worldly sins: even as I write these lines one of the leading churches in this area of about 175,000 people is announcing in the public press [See footnote (1) at end of article] "a rummage and baked foods sale, a barbecue and a street dance." But the blessed old Book still reads, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter" (Isa. 5:20)!

No doubt these are just a few of the questions the prodigal son asked while still at home with the father. That boy learned the answers the hard way; something I sincerely hope you will be spared from doing.

These questions, such burning issues in our twentieth century among Christians, especially young people, and all kindred questions find sane, sensible answers in a careful, prayerful, thoughtful study of the Bible doctrine of separation. What I say unto you I say unto all: "Search the scriptures!"

I. The Indisputable, Unmistakable, Unshakable, Unchangeable Authority of God, of Christ, and of the Sacred Scriptures Demand a Full, Complete, Absolute Separation From All Evil in Every Form!

Does any one question God's right to tell us what we can do and what we cannot do? Do you wonder at the ground for God's sovereign authority in your life? That right is found in *creation*! It is the right of a Creator, a Maker, an Owner. We owe our life, our very existence to Him. Can we, dare we refuse to obey His every command? "Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?" (Rom. 9:20).

That right is found also in *redemption*. Who dares to doubt the authority of a father over his son or daughter? Let every sceptic go yonder to any law court in our land and inquire! As His sons and daughters through the 'new birth,' the Heavenly Father is to have complete control in the direction of our lives. "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it!" (John 2:5).

His right is further seen in *salvation*! Surely a dog would be willingly subject to one who had done a portion as much for it as Jesus Christ has done for us at Calvary! He has saved us: *now He is our LORD!* "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:20).

And on the ground of this creation, relation, salvation right in our lives, God demands separation and purity. Think of the abundance of simple statements in Scripture which call for holiness! Isaiah 52:11 pleads: "Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord."

Jehovah warned through Moses: "Thou shalt worship no other god: for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God" (Exod. 34:14).

John, the disciple of love, exhorted:

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the

eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." —1 John 2:15-17.

The Redeemer reminds His chosen ones: "Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God. . . . and ye shall be holy unto me: for I the Lord am holy, and have severed [separated] you from other people, that ye should be mine" (Lev. 20:7, 26).

Paul, the weeping apostle of New Testament triumphs, pleaded: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Rom. 12:1, 2). Christians are to be non-conformists in matters of "this world's" program of sin!

First Thessalonians 5:22 even insists: "Abstain from all appearance of evil!" Good Christians are to shy clear of anything that looks like sin.

But, to me, the climactic challenge of all Biblical exhortations is found in the biting, burning, blistering accusation of James to his "beloved brethren" being hindered in their prayers: "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4)! Think of it! *Christian enemies of God!* Blood-bought, redeemed, Heaven-bound, Spirit-indwelt, saved enemies of Christ! This is treason far lower than that of any Benedict Arnold or Julius Rosenberg who ever lived. Don't be a traitor to Christ! Sin's pleasures are not worth it!

Sometimes shallow Christians complain, "But everybody's doing it!" This is one occasion and circumstance when there is no safety in numbers. In the words of Exodus 23:2, "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil. . . ." Even if it means standing completely alone, as it often does, stand for the right as against the wrong. Some of history's greatest victories have been won by men and women who dared to stand alone.

Others sometimes foolishly boast, "I want to do as I please. I don't want to take orders from any one!" This is wonderful as long as they please to do as they ought. But usually when any one speaks thus he means that he wants to do as he OUGHT NOT, with no restraint. As for taking orders—you cannot escape it! Everything you do is a direct result of an order from Satan or from God! This question of separation is simply a matter of "Which master?" Romans 6:16 queries: "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" You are either God's love-slave or Satan's bond-slave. As for me, "I'd rather have Jesus!"

Spineless indeed is the Christian who is a slave to his own lust: no restraint, simply doing as he pleases! Proverbs 25:28 describes it: "He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls." Dare to be a Daniel: refuse to defile yourself with the world's meat and drink.

Our text tells us to "touch not the unclean thing." The list is not limited—anything unclean is forbidden—but let us briefly consider some of the

II. Unclean Things We Are Not Even to Touch!

Strong Drink

Topping our list of untouchables let us put *intoxicating beverages!* Do you say, "Surely no Christian need be told that?" Then let me remind you of Lot and the multiplied tragedies flooding his life through strong drink. Let me remind you of Noah's grief brought about by the woe of the wine cup. And there is always God's own gentle reminder, "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10:12).

Warnings against strong drink are vitally needed among our

young people, where drinking is especially alarming. Weep as you read this: (2) Almost ninety per cent of our American high school children, at least in one area, drink intoxicating beverages! The (3) vast majority of this number begin drinking *before* they reach the tender age of sixteen! The 'sweet sixteen and never been kissed' jeer has changed to 'sweet sixteen and never been drunk.' (4) Nearly one-fifth of our youth begin drinking *even before reaching their teens!* (5) More than one-third have been "high or tight" on at least one occasion! The "average" teen-ager in an average week consumes (6) more than one glass of beer or wine and "roughly one half drink" of whiskey! And authorities sadly admit that (7) two per cent of these teen-age tipplers drink "intemperately"! Baby alcoholics! Alcoholics in three-cornered pants!

Such are the amazing and startling conclusions of a survey by the Research Bureau of Hofstra College after questioning 1,000 high school students between the ages of 14 and 18. The survey included 29 of New York's Nassau County's 31 private and public high schools. Statisticians consider this an honest representation of the 29,000 high school students in that County and therefore representative of teen-agers from coast to coast.

To this agrees the recently released Yale University "Drinking In College" report. They found that (8) 74 per cent of the 17,000 college students they questioned drank, with 45 per cent of the men and 56 per cent of the women tipplers admitting they began long before reaching their teens: *at the age of ten or before!* Incidentally, most of them connected drinking with "morally questionable sexual behavior."

Walter Winchell reported in one of his syndicated columns: (9) "Washington is trying to hush up likker orgies (in hotels) by *teen-age high school students*. They come there on educational tours."

Most individuals regard the week preceding Easter as a "holy week," but to thousands of west coast teen-agers it is a "hell week." As the editor of one Los Angeles newspaper mourned in his lead Good Friday editorial, (10) "The pre-Easter youth parties at the Orange County beach resorts have become an annual scandal. It's happened again this year—riots, free-for-alls, drinking parties and 150 teen-agers jailed in the Laguna-Balboa-Newport Beach area."


Previously another paper, with a front page headline screaming "Vacationing Students Brawl At Beach Cities," reported: (11) ".... A typical example of the trouble was a free-for-all fight among about 20 boys, with many other spectators cheering, jumping up and down, shoving and pushing on the sidelines. Bloody noses and torn shirts were frequent. . . . Most of the offenders were *high school students* here for Easter vacation. The arrests followed complaints by residents of drinking, loud and vile language, all-night parties and other disorders. . . . Police Chief Victor Stewart said 500 beer cans and vodka bottles were found in a house where 12 boys were arrested. At another house 15 to 20 boys were occupying one downstairs bedroom and as many girls were in a similar room upstairs, the chief said. Some of the girls at the parties were as young as 12; the boys ranged from 14 to 24."

Another newspaper on the same day included in its report: (12) "Liquor drinking, vile language, vulgar and suggestive signs on automobiles, and indecent exposure caused most of the arrests. . . . Military shore patrol units joined in policing the area. They ducked barrages of liquor bottles and beer cans to help the harassed police officers make arrests."

But let an eyewitness, a newspaper staff writer trained to get facts, describe the scene: (13) " 'Sin week' at the beach winds up tonight and if all goes according to tradition and expectation it will be a bruising, hectic finale. By all odds, few of the teenagers who turned Holy Week into a wild spree will be wide awake enough tomorrow to celebrate sacred Easter sunrise services. During their week's excursion, thousands

of kids discovered for the first time what it's like to get drunk. Hundreds met sex, rolled up in blankets with strangers. They had a 'zorch ball,' an anti-Easter orgy. Teenagers think it's pretty important to do what the crowd does. You're 'chicken' if you don't guzzle vodka and beer or bundle on the beach with the opposite sex—if the rest of the gang does it. . . . Here's what I saw at the Laguna-Balboa-Newport Beach bash: When night fell, party duds replaced sun-tan togs. A sorority of high school girls threw a wild party. Raiding police officers found booze and boys lying around.


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Writing in this issue, Dr. Samuel H. Sutherland, President of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, tells why Presbyterian ministers are no longer permitted to teach at this school. There's been a lot of behind-the-scenes maneuvering ever since Presbyterian ministers were recently ordered to no longer teach at Fuller Seminary, the school founded by the Old Fashioned Revival Hour's Charles E. Fuller.

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'Why don't those fuzzards leave us alone?' one 16-year-old pouted. 'I couldn't care less,' another chimed in. 'It's sorta fun getting shook down.'

"I hailed a police car slowly making its way through dense traffic on Balboa. The two tired officers had been on duty 10 hours

with no relief . . . Ordered to disperse a drinking brawl on Topaz St., three cars of police found they would be pitted against nearly a hundred drunken boys. So, no raid! Cops can't treat 'Bal' hell-raisers like criminals even though some of the kids are harder to handle. On the beach, weiner-roast

fires dotted the sand. At the far end, a large bonfire blazed. Nine couples bundled there—not very close to the fire—but warm nonetheless. It was a quiet party. Too quiet!

"Later I slipped into a party in an apartment rented by a boys' club. Whisky bottles and beer cans were strewn all over the house. Stale cigarette smoke fouled the air. Mattresses and crumpled beach towels littered the floor.

Upstairs I had to step over a dozen twosomes—adolescents, 15 to 18 years old. Every one was smeared with lipstick and the floor reeked of spilled liquor. The chap on at this shindig? I never saw one. Downstairs dateless boys reveled louder with each gulp of illegal booze. This was a crazy, mixed-up ball . . ."

And now newspapers are telling the sad story of a sixteen-year-old high school honor student from nearby Azusa, California, who committed suicide. The motive? One can only judge for himself by the note the lad left, saying, (14) "Let this be a warning to all drunkards. This is the worst punishment I could think of."

Yet still some ministers boast of preaching only a "positive" gospel, never plainly warning about sin and its consequences! But these warnings, whether preached or not, are found repeatedly in Divine Revelation! Proverbs 23:29-32 declares: "Who hath woe? who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder."

Ephesians 5:18 commands: "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." Certainly it is not possible for a man to be filled with liquor and filled with the Spirit at the same time!

Proverbs 20:1 observes: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

Habakkuk 2:15, 16 warns: "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken . . . the cup of the Lord's right hand shall be turned unto thee, and shameful spewing shall be on thy glory."

And Isaiah 5:11, 22 notes: "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue unto night, till wine inflame them . . . Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink."

I suppose the average drinker takes his first drink under the impression that it's smart to do so! Nothing could be further from the truth; it is not smart to drink! God declares, "whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise!"

Alonzo A. Stagg, the father of modern football, said, (15) "After 47 years of coaching football, I can say without hesitancy that a football player, as well as any boy or girl, would be a fool to drink alcoholic liquor."

Billy Rose, a big Broadway producer whose front page headlines of recent days would certainly not qualify him as a blue-nosed reformer or crank, was in Vienna when the Russian occupation officials invited him to a banquet in his honor. I understand the celebration was in recognition of the so-called cultural and social aspects of his production, "Carmen Jones." At the appointed hour they gathered in the huge ballroom of the Emperor Franz Josef palace, seating Rose at the head table with one hundred Red officers.

The master of ceremonies proposed a vodka toast to Stalin, then a cognac toast to lasting friendship between Russia and America. One hundred glasses were lifted high toward the 80 crystal chandeliers and the toasts were drunk. Rose sat unmoved, drinking neither toast. Immediately the Red commanding officer had the interpreter get an explanation. According to Leonard Lyons, writing in the *Chicago Daily News*, the explanation given by Rose—fully accepted by his Soviet hosts—was: (16) "Tell 'em I've been selling the stuff for 20 years, and only champs drink it." That was what God said through His servant Solomon three thousand years ago! Don't be a chump!

Another "untouchable" for Christians, the sinister twin companion of alcohol, is tobacco! One time, for my own edification, I endeavored to number the "benefits" of tobacco. After considerable

calculation I managed to list three: (1) Stink up your house, clothes, breath and everything around you; (2) Make you look like a fool—smoke rolling out of nose and mouth alike; and, (3) Ruin your God-given body! The truth of the matter is that not one single help, advantage or profit comes from its use!

More than five years ago I wrote an article for a church bulletin entitled, "Slow Suicide." The paragraph read: (17) "According to an Associated Press dispatch sent out from Raleigh, North Carolina, December 30th, the United States Department of Agriculture reported that cigarette manufacturers turned out approximately 385 billion cigarettes in 1948 which tops 1947 by 15 billion and is MORE THAN DOUBLE the highest prewar year. Now that is a lot of spiraling smoke (and I might add: a whale of a lot of hacking coughs)! But where, you innocently ask, is the connection between suicide and smoking? It is found in the NINETEEN different kinds of DEADLY POISONS the smoker sucks into his system. Among this tempting (?) variety of poisons we find methyl or wood alcohol, pyridine, carbon monoxide gas, furfural, nicotine and arsenic. Concerning nicotine: the Medical College of the University of Virginia measured the nicotine intake of a person smoking two packs a day and discovered it to be nearly a pound yearly—sufficient to kill at least 8,000 cats. Frank Leighton Wood, M.D., in his truly great book, *What You Should Know About Tobacco*, gives the findings of Dr. Pearl of the internationally famous Johns Hopkins University. I quote: 'Upon examination of 100,000 each of nonsmokers and heavy smokers at the age of thirty, 18,840 of the former and 37,301 of the latter will die before they are 50. The difference between these two figures, or 18,461 is the number in EACH 100,000 heavy smokers in our population whose lives will be sacrificed needlessly before they reach 50. On the average and in the aggregate, how many years of life, of living, of happiness and of usefulness will these 18,451 dead victims of tobacco have been denied? See what I mean by 'SLOW SUICIDE'?"

In recent days there has been much excitement over the possibility of tobacco causing lung and lip cancer. Ernest L. Wynder and Dr. Everts A. Graham of Washington University School of Medicine and Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, reporting in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* of 684 cases of proved cancer of the lungs, said: (18) "In general it appears that the less a person smokes, the less are the chances of cancer of the lung developing and; conversely, the more heavily a person smokes the greater are his chances of becoming affected with this disease."

Later the Associated Press opened their report of Dr. Graham's speech before a London meeting of the American College of Surgeons with the paragraph: (19) "A leading cancer specialist said today completely separate studies in Britain and the United States show 'a very definite statistical relationship between excessive smoking and cancer of the lung.'"

Drs. Morton L. Levin, Hyman Goldstein and Paul Gerhardt of the New York State Department of Health reported: (20) "Cancer of the lung occurs more than twice as frequently among those who have smoked cigarettes for 25 years . . . Pipe smokers apparently experience an almost equal increase in the incidence of lip cancer."

Just this past week Dr. Levin, who is the assistant state commissioner for medical services, declared that (21) men who smoke a pack of cigarettes or more each day develop the disease ten times as frequently as nonsmokers.

Three days later the American Cancer Society publicly dared to take its first stand on the issue, summarizing a report by 25 leading U. S. cancer researchers in the words: (22) "... Evidence to date justifies the suspicion that cigarette smoking does, to a degree as yet undetermined, increase the likelihood of developing cancers."

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Billy Tells Ike

After returning from his successful campaign in Europe, Billy Graham dropped over to the White House to give President Eisenhower a firsthand report. He said the president was "pleased" with the news that Europe is having a religious revival which may well "have tremendous impact on social, political and moral life."

Before going to the White House, Graham gave a breakfast talk to 120 members of the House and Senate. The evangelist said he may return to Europe next year, but in the meanwhile would devote himself to campaigning in the U. S.

Texas Chain Stores Ban Sex, Crime Books

DALLAS, Tex.—(RNS)—Three large Texas chain stores have banned "sex, crime and horror comic books and other questionable literature" from their shelves.

The action was taken by the Wyatt Food Stores, Skillern's Drug Stores and Seven-Eleven Stores following a series of articles in the Dallas News. The series revealed that crime and horror books, loaded with murder, sex and macabre drawings, were as available in Dallas stores as a ten-cent ice cream cone.

An official of the Skillern Drug Stores said, "We don't want to sell that filth." He added that all comic books will be selected from a list approved by a church group. Meanwhile, the Dallas Crime Commission said it will move to clean local store shelves of "crime-breeding" comic books.

Albert S. Johnson, commission president, said a special committee will check on crime comics and encourage business firms to voluntarily agree to ban them.

Paragraphs About People

The Rev. Wally White of Orlando, Fla., a former vice-president of Youth for Christ International, has been named pastor of the Chicago Gospel Tabernacle.

Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, pastor of the Park Street Church in Boston, is resigning his pulpit to take the presidency of the Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif.

J. Oswald Sanders has been named general director of the China Inland Mission. He has been associated with the mission in various capacities for 28 years.

The Rev. Nye J. Langmade, co-founder and for 16 years president of the Midwest Bible and Missionary Institute, has been named executive secretary of the Independent Fundamental Churches of America.

Two members of the nationally famous Blackwood Brothers Gospel Quartet, R. W. Blackwood and Bill Lyles, were killed when their private plane crashed at Clanton, Ala.

Jock Troup, renowned Scottish evangelist of Tent Hall, Glasgow, died while preaching in Spokane, Washington. He had been in America for some time carrying on an evangelistic ministry.

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cer of the lung." The suggestion of Dr. Charles S. Cameron, medical and scientific director of the Society, to the young is: "...do not smoke!" Biblical advice agrees, but the limit is not confined to the young.

Dr. Alton Ochsner, distinguished surgeon of the Tulane University School of Medicine, notes that lung cancer is increasing as fast as cigarette smoking. He maintains that the increase is (23) "unquestionably due to the carcinogenic (cancer producing) effect of cigarette smoking." Basing his estimates on the number now smoking, Ochsner predicts that by 1970 one out of every five male cancers will be lung cancers.

And now scientists are saying that tobacco may be a major cause in heart trouble, as well as cancer. Just recently the United Press reported Yale professor E. Cuyler Hammond as saying that although there is no definite proof, (24) "there is sufficient reason to warrant further research on the subject."

Dr. J. H. Kellogg also charges: (25) "Under the influence of tobacco, the judgment, the will, the mental faculty are changed—nico-

tinized. The 'pipe dream' is a temporary 'drug insanity.' It is an intoxication as real as an alcoholic 'drunk.' One cannot help but wonder how much of our rapidly rising crime rate is directly due to 'nicotinized minds'!

Not too long ago the Federal Trade Commission filed suit in the Federal District Court at New York for a preliminary injunction to force Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company to cease advertising that Chesterfield cigarettes (26) "are manufactured in such a manner as to prevent irritation to the nose, throat and accessory organs of smokers." The complaint of the Commission charged: (27) "In truth and in fact, the smoke from Chesterfield cigarettes is an irritant to the mucous membranes of the nose, throat, eustachian tubes, sinuses, larynxes and trachea."

Don't be gullible; don't believe tobacco 'ads.' Chesterfield advertises concerning its cigarette: "They Satisfy!" But so do marijuana and heroin—until they wear off! And I note that many Chesterfield fans are *chain smokers*: the 'satisfaction' ends with the cigarette and a new one must be lit immediately! Perhaps Chesterfield's other motto, "Know Your Smoking A.B.C.," is more appropriate, especially if that A.B.C. is interpreted: "Always Boycott Cigarettes."

"Old Gold" cigarettes long advertised, "Not a Cough in a Carload," but the truth was that a

carload of coughs came in every pack!

"Camels" are famous for advertising, "Get A 'LIFT' With a Camel!", but doctors tell us this "lift" causes high blood pressure! And (28) it takes at least fifteen minutes after a "smoke" for the heart beat and the blood pressure to return to normal.

"Raleighs" had a big ad on page 23 of the *Detroit News* featuring the then popular Detroit Tiger baseball star, Hank Greenberg. Greenberg was pictured with a "Raleigh," saying, (29) "There's no hocus-pocus about it! I've read the reports and Medical Science has proved you can't beat Raleighs for less nicotine...less throat irritants...all-round safer smoking! I recommend Raleighs to all my friends. Raleigh's are right!" But on the sports page of the same day's paper, in an interview with a scribe, Greenberg declared: "I feel fine now—better than I have for some time. The doctors said I had a stomach disorder and I'm giving up cigarettes and coffee. I never was much of a smoker anyway. I'm sleeping better now and I feel much better."

Consider this gem: (30) "DO YOU HAVE 'SMOKER'S THROAT'? YOU BE THE JUDGE: Burned-out taste—from hot-burning cigarettes? Bitter after-taste—heavy tobacco breath? Hacking cough—parched, dry mouth? Smoking irritation, rawness—intensified by a cold? That's 'Smoker's Throat'!" If you think this paragraph comes from an anti-cigarette source you are mistaken. It is the gist of a Kools cigarette advertisement which appeared in numerous papers and magazines across the country. And still folks smoke! Certainly Barnum was right when he observed that a new sucker is born every minute.

And speaking of suckers, someone has noted that the "smoker" does not smoke! Actually, the cigarette, pipe or cigar does the smoking, the individual merely sucks it into his body. In other words, *every smoker is a sucker!* No doubt the announcer on Cincinnati's powerful WLW, plugging Viceroy cigarettes, hit the nail on the head through a tongue slip, when he concluded: (31) "Viceroy—*if you want a good choke.*"

The unanswerable question still remains: How can you glorify God with tobacco? "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (I Cor. 6:19, 20).

Deck of Cards

Another "untouchable" is the deck of cards. This "innocent parlor game" is the kindergarten for our vast string of gambling hells stretching across this continent from coast to coast. It is the spawning ground for unnumbered billions of heartaches, heartbreaks and sundry tragedies resulting from the gambling table. Someone has discovered that nine-tenths of all gambling is done with cards and that nine-tenths of the gamblers learn to play those cards at home. In one company of soldiers it was affirmed that every gambler in the group received his first lesson at the family card table.

Speaking of gambling, the daily papers recently told how a San Francisco woman, Mrs. Elena Santana, tossed \$5,000 in cash off the Golden Gate Bridge (32) "because my husband throws his money away gambling and I can throw mine away too." Maniacal as this action was, it is little more so than the husband's, or any one else who throws his money away at a gambling table.

But to me, the issue of whether or not you gamble with cards is not the primary problem. Authoritative sources have conclusively proven that (33) the 'dirty deck' was originated in 1392 for an insane king, Charles of France. Charles obviously held a bitter hatred toward our Redeemer and His followers.

In the (34) original language of the cards, the 'King' represented the Devil; the 'ten-spot' was the spirit of lawlessness in defiant opposition to the spirit of law represented in the Ten Commandments;

the 'Jack' was a lustful libertine; the 'Queen' pictured the virgin Mary, supposedly the mother of harlots; the 'club' card spoke of murder, since the club was the principal instrument of killing at the time. But the blasphemous horror becomes intensified when we learn that the 'Joker' of the deck, the 'fool,' is reputed to be our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Not only so, but that 'Joker' is supposed to be the illegitimate offspring of the licentious 'Jack' and the 'Queen,' the mother of harlots!

How can any conscientious Christian have this "Devil's Picture Book" in his home? Perhaps some will say, "That was 1392; this is 1954!" But even if the 'dirty deck' did not have the same meaning in the gambling hell-holes today, which it does, the very fact that this was its original intention would make it taboo for me! I have further observed that Canasta and Bridge fans do not make good soul-winners, they seldom attend prayer meeting, and their all-around spirituality is normally about "zero."

The Modern Movies

Another "untouchable" from which earnest Christians should separate themselves is the *modern movie*. Hollywood has one predominant theme in all productions—SENSUOUS SEX—but murder is often thrown in to make it more interesting for the sadistic-minded public.

During the last global conflict a number of full-blooded American Indians were stationed with our troops in Italy. Late one afternoon the P.X. officer greeted one of them with the invitation, "Movie tonight, soldier. You'd better come!" To which the Indian merely grunted, "Um-m," indicating not much enthusiasm for the usual run of wild, woolly westerns and smooth, sentimental love scenes. After a moment's hesitation he queried, "What show? Killum or Kissum? Killum, maybe I come; Kissum, I stay in tent!" It is doubtful that I could sum up Hollywood's two themes better than he! It is all "killum" or "kissum."

But let's base our estimate about the motion picture industry in this sermon from the Academy Awards made this spring. Winners of the Academy's "Oscars" were voted the *best* Hollywood produced in 1953! The film voted, "BEST PICTURE OF THE YEAR," was the Columbia Pictures presentation, "From Here to Eternity." This film also received seven other awards, making it the most honored picture in the Academy's twenty-six-year history. I suppose it would be safe from this to conclude that "From Here to Eternity" is one of the top pictures, if not THE "top" picture, ever produced by Hollywood!

What is the film like? The Associated Press, in its report of the Academy winners, called it a (35) "sex-and-violence-filled . . . story of the pre-Pearl Harbor regular Army." The Pentagon reported that it was (36) "shocked" at the film's description of military life. The Navy banned its showing completely, considering it (37) "derogatory of a sister service and a discredit to the Armed services." A Navy spokesman said, (38) "We felt the movie portrayed the military in the wrong light. The only woman shown was a serviceman's wife of obviously low morals or no morals. The only recreation shown was getting drunk or patronizing houses of ill fame. The only sport brought up was boxing, and the only reason given for engaging in that was to get promotions. The only officer shown was a sadist, and so were the non-coms."

One movie-land reviewer commented about this "best" picture: (39) "The principle character in the story is Montgomery Clift . . . (who) finds time to fall in love with a little dance hall hostess—played to the hilt by Donna Reed. And then there is rugged Burt Lancaster, who plays a first sergeant. Lancaster is a regular soldier but his love for the Army is almost overcome by his love for his captain's wife, Deborah Kerr. Miss Kerr proves her acting ability with her believable portrayal of a lady of easy virtue."

Walter Winchell commented about this picture, during mid-

summer heat: (40) "The Burt Lancaster, Deborah Kerr picture 'From Here to Eternity' has some scenes that are hotter than Manhattan humidity!" The truth is that (41) the bathing suit love-making scenes on the beach were so vile that the Johnston office actually killed some of the 'still' photographs which the studio had intended to use in advertising. Thinking-minded people wonder why they didn't "kill" the scene itself!

The Academy Award for "Best Actor of the Year" went to William Holden for his portrayal in "Stalag 17." The Associated Press commented: (42) "Holden, who played a semi-heel in the movie 'Stalag 17,' was both happy and upset about his first Oscar." The outstanding actor-hero of the year portrayed "a semi-heel."

Frank Sinatra, a foul-mouthed, cocky individual whose character and conduct is questioned even by Hollywoodites, received the "Best Supporting Actor of the Year" award for his emoting in "From Here to Eternity." Such a vile character in the movie did Sinatra portray that Joseph Angelo Maggio, obviously the real life individual upon which the part of Angelo Maggio was based, has sued for a half-million dollars damages, claiming, according to the United Press, the (43) "movie, which last night won an academy award, subjected him to ridicule by his co-workers because it made it look like all he did in the army was 'get drunk and run around with girls.'" Sinatra won his distinguished award for playing the part of a soldier who spent all his time getting drunk and running with women!

"Best Supporting Actress of the Year" was won by Donna Reed for her performance in "From Here to Eternity." The Associated Press reported: (44) "Donna Reed, as the prostitute of the James Jones best seller, changed to a painted hostess in the movie, won her first Oscar in the supporting category. The role was a drastic change from the goodie-goodie roles which the Denison, Iowa, native had played for years in the movies." One paper reported that Miss Reed, although married to Tony Owen, posed after the award (45) "kissing Frank Sinatra, Bill Holden . . . and anybody else who came along."

Incidentally, just before the Academy Award program was to begin, it was necessary for Richard Breen to warn the film group, especially the losers, (46) "that since this event was being televised, not to use any words except five-letter ones."

In other words, the foul-mouthed acting crowd must be warned against profanity on television! One unchurched man, watching the awards on TV, finally turned his set off in disgust, observing that it looked like a "bosom show" to him. The *Los Angeles Herald and Express* published a full page of pictures, the day after the awards, showing the amazing and shocking nudity attire of the film notables present!

This is Hollywood at its very best! No wonder every conscientious Christian places "movies" high on his list of "untouchables"!

The Modern Dance

Another "touch-me-not" for saints, usually thought of in the same breath with the movies, is the *modern dance*! Social historians tell us that the twentieth century style dance came to our country via the slums of New York, then to the infamous Barbary Coast and red light district of San Francisco, then into the ranks of respectable society!

The case against the modern dance is so strong it seems unbelievable that any thinking person in their right mind would deny that its fundamental purpose is to gain the sexual thrill coming from the contact of the bodies of opposite sex! I dare say there is not one good, reputable, truthful physician in all America who will deny that the bodily contact in the modern dance is immoral. As long ago as 1929, when the dance was tame in many respects as compared to our "fast fifties," the President of the American Society of Dancing Teachers boasted: (47) "The dancing approved now in high society would not have been

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allowed in houses of ill fame a few years ago."

The printer's error found in the society columns of the Lake Charles, Louisiana, *American Press*, truthfully sums up the dance. Said the news note slip: (18) "The dance is semi-moral and is planned as a climax of activities at the Legion home."

One P. T. A. leader sought to convince me that their high school dances were well supervised and well chaperoned. But you might as well talk about supervised adultery or chaperoned whiskey parties as a supervised and chaperoned dance! It is "untouchable" for those who refuse to be "conformed to this world" (Rom. 12: 2).

Unsaved Companions

One more "untouchable" which I feel I must mention is *unsaved companions*. Christians are not to keep company with unbelievers! We should witness to them, but not be in fellowship or yoke with them. Christ was their Friend, yet we read in Hebrews 7:25, 26: "He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens."

Sometimes refusing to run with an unconverted crowd will mean walking alone, but it is far sweeter to walk alone with God than to go with a gang without Him!

Unsaved companions invariably lead Christians into sin. They did Lot! They did Peter! They did David! And they did many, many others in the Bible. First Corinthians 15:33 says, "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners." Or, as another has translated it, (49) "Do not deceive yourselves: Evil companionships ruin good morals." Don't be fooled—you cannot travel with sinning company and remain pure!

Perhaps I should emphasize that the unequal yoke is never more tragic than in the marriage bond. When the late Walter Maier was the dynamic director of the *Lutheran Hour* he received an average of 25,000 letters a week. One out of every twelve was a "problem" letter which he answered personally and out of that problem group, one half were from saved people who had married unsaved companions and whose lives had been wrecked as a consequence. Over a thousand letters a week were received by Dr. Maier from heartbroken Christians who thought they could mock God with a marriage in an unequal yoke. Don't try it; it can't be done!

In summing-up these "untouchables," let the message of Colossians 3:17 burn deeply into your soul: "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." First Corinthians 10:31 expresses it: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." Can you drink, smoke, play cards, attend sexy movies, dance lustful dances, or run with unsaved companions to the glory of God in the name of Christ? Certainly not! Our time, our money, our health, our very purpose in living all make it supremely necessary that we live consecrated, separated lives!

But before we bring this message to a close it seems imperative to remind the reader that

III. Failure on the Matter of Separation Is the Road Which Leads to Spiritual Rot and Ruin!

It did when Lot walked it! He lost, through his sinning folly, his home, his position, his wealth, his friends, his all! He ruined his own daughters and damned the souls of his family for ever!

It did when Samson walked it! He lost his power, his freedom, his eyesight, his respect and was made the slave of his bitterest enemies. Most tragic of all was the departure of the Spirit of God from him for feats of service in the name of the Lord.

It did when David walked it!

It led him to murder, to adultery, to the loss of his joy and peace and fellowship with God! His child died, his daughter was ruined by his son, another son murdered that son and then rebelled against his kingdom, finally being slain by David's own men against his orders.

It did when Peter walked it! It led him to cursing, swearing and denying the Lord who bought him! It led down the anguishing path of a broken heart and a bitter soul!

It did when the Prodigal Son walked it! It took him far from the Father and into an alien country! It brought him to the pig-pen, to starvation and want, to humiliation and sorrow! It made him the lowest of the low, the off-scouring of all humanity!

And it will if YOU walk it! Numbers 32:23 warns, "But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out." Job 4:8, 9 observes, "Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same. By the blast of God they perish, and by the breath of his nostrils are they consumed."

Hosea 8:7 comments, "For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind." And Psalm 16:4 notes, "Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink-offerings of blood will I not

offer, nor take up their names into my lips." But perhaps Galatians 6:7 uses the strongest language in warning of sin: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

If you fail in separation you will lose your touch with God, your power will disappear, your influence will die, your testimony will fail, your joy will vanish, your assurance will flee, and as a fruit-bearing vine you will become exceedingly barren. *Be not deceived!*

Conclusion

It would be impossible to find words for a better summary of this sermon than those of verse 17 in our text: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you!"

Will you do it? Will you dare to be a Daniel? We read of him, "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself..." (Dan. 1:8). God give us some twentieth century Daniels who can face this twentieth-century issue and come out "undefiled."

God's authoritative Word calls you, charges you, commands you to be wholly, completely separated unto Him!

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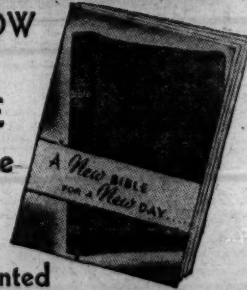
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